

# Weber County

## FACTS



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## Population

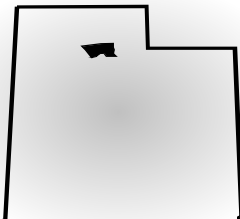
As of July 1st	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Total Population</b>	205,882	209,547	213,684	215,870	220,781
<b>% Change of the Prior Year</b>	1.2%	1.8%	2.0%	1.0%	2.3%

Source: Utah Population Estimates Committee. <http://governor.utah.gov/dea/datatables.html>

## City Populations

As of July 1st	2007
<b>Ogden</b>	82,702
<b>Roy</b>	35,048
<b>North Ogden</b>	17,166
<b>South Ogden</b>	15,615
<b>Washington Terrace</b>	8,414
<b>Riverdale</b>	7,976
<b>West Haven</b>	7,187
<b>Pleasant View</b>	6,759
<b>Harrisville</b>	5,475
<b>Hooper</b>	5,256
<b>Farr West</b>	5,129
<b>Plain City</b>	4,825
<b>Remainder</b>	27,205

Source: U.S. Census Bureau  
<http://www.census.gov/popest/cities>



## Labor Force

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Labor Force</b>	105,678	107,121	107,477	110,296	112,914
<b>Employed</b>	98,943	101,238	102,522	106,644	109,340
<b>Unemployed</b>	6,735	5,883	4,955	3,652	3,574
<b>Rate</b>	6.4%	5.5%	4.6%	3.3%	3.2%
<b>Nonfarm Jobs</b>	88,003	88,231	90,438	93,029	96,162
<b>%Chng Prior Year</b>	1.0%	1.0%	2.5%	2.9%	3.4%
<b>Mining</b>	NA	NA	178	247	166
<b>Construction</b>	4,919	5,217	5,743	6,547	7,280
<b>Manufacturing</b>	12,097	11,777	11,673	11,781	12,447
<b>Trade/Trans/Utilities</b>	16,426	16,540	16,349	16,596	17,192
<b>Information</b>	1,666	1,668	1,581	1,427	1,027
<b>Financial Activities</b>	4,154	4,181	4,268	4,489	4,634
<b>Profess/Business Svcs</b>	8,636	9,716	9,942	10,380	10,948
<b>Ed/Health/Social Svcs</b>	9,699	9,953	10,155	11,027	11,187
<b>Leisure/Hospitality</b>	7,564	7,729	7,861	7,847	8,092
<b>Other Services</b>	2,664	2,722	2,761	2,759	2,852
<b>Government</b>	20,169	19,717	19,927	20,051	20,324
<b>Total Establishments</b>	5,030	5,322	5,442	5,701	5,658
<b>Total Wages (\$Millions)</b>	2487.9	2583.1	2684.8	2917.3	3138.0

Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services, Workforce Information.  
<http://jobs.utah.gov/jsp/wi/utahmis/gotoLaborforce.do>  
<http://jobs.utah.gov/jsp/wi/utahmis/gotoIndustry.do>

Weber County has definately felt the impact of the national recession. Job growth has slowed and just broke even between 2001 and 2002. Manufacturing and construction, along with hospitality, trade, and information all lost jobs between 2001 and 2002. Finally in 2003 all this started to change for the better. Economic indicators are showing positive movement. A healthy recovery is taking place and the outlook for the county's economy is good.

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The economy in Weber County in 2007 started to slow as a result of the general national and state economic slowdown. Population growth was lower than the state. Even with population growth below the state average, jobs were still being created. With added employment, the unemployment rate has dropped steadily. An increase of new business activity in downtown Ogden has improved the market and will continue to do so. This is all good news for a county that really was heavily impacted and suffered economically from the recession early in the decade.

## Population

Weber County's population growth averaged a full percentage point below that state. Utah's population grew by 3.2 percent in 2007 but Weber grew by 2.3 percent. Population in Weber County has grown steadily, albeit not as fast as the state and other metropolitan counties. In 2003 the population was about 205,890, by 2007 that number had increased to 220,780. Population growth peaked at two percent in 2005. In 2006 growth slowed to one percent. Population growth typically accompanies job growth as the economy grows more workers are needed and they bring their families and set up households near where they work.

Ogden City is still the largest municipality in the county with about 83,000 residents with Roy less than half of that. West Haven added over a 1,000 new residents in 2007, well above the 650 added in Ogden.

## The Labor Market

The labor force grew by 2.4 percent between 2006 and 2007, which was faster than the population growth. The unemployment rate has dropped by half since the 2003 level of 6.4 percent. In 2007 the unemployment rate was 3.2 percent.

The economy has created new jobs at a 3.4 percent pace (2007). That equates to 3,100

new jobs. That's much better than the 1.0 percent rate for 2003 and 2004. Even with the overall economy starting to slow Weber County in 2007 created jobs at a fast pace. Unfortunately job creation in the first part of 2008 has slowed to the 1.0 to 2.0 percent range.

## Industries

Government accounts for about 20,300 of the total 96,200 employed with trade, transportation and utilities contributing another 17,200 positions. Manufacturing, professional and business services, and education and healthcare each claimed 11 percent of the total. In 2007 employers in the county added about 3,100 new workers. Nonfarm jobs grew from 93,000 to 96,100. Construction employment grew quickly but not as fast as it did in 2006. In the first quarter of 2008 the year-over change in construction employment was a -12 percent, reflective of the slowing of the economy. Manufacturing did add nearly 700 new positions.

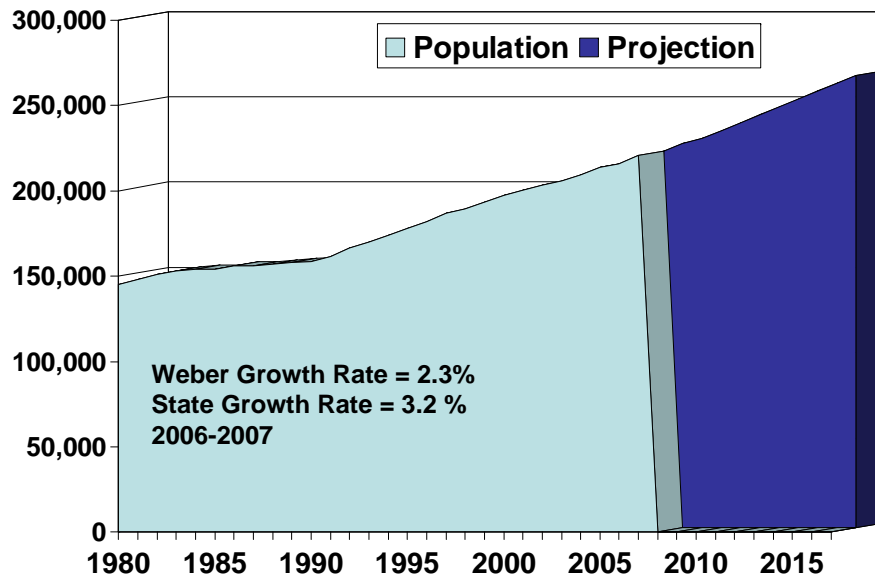
## Average Wages Increases Slowing

The rate of increase in average monthly wages slowed from 5.7 percent in 2006 to 4.0 percent in 2007. With the economy slowing the upward pressure on wages has slackened, taking some of the pressure off employers to raise wages to attract workers. The average wage in Weber County increased (by 4.0 percent) from \$2,614 in 2006 to \$2,719 in 2007. The state average wage for 2007 was \$3,043.

## Weber's Economy is Holding It's Own, but is Slowing

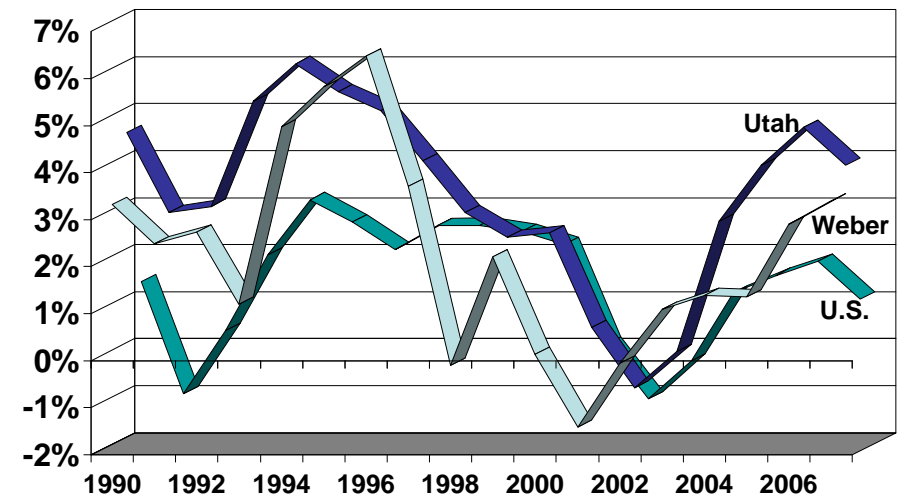
The county is more exposed to economic fluctuations in the U.S. and state economies because of its higher percentage of job in the export-based manufacturing industries. Currently (2008) the economy is slowing as reflected in the declining job creation. Also, the problems in construction and finance industries have had rippling negative effect on the rest of the industries and, more importantly, on the perception of consumers. The outlook is for slow growth, if any through 2008 and into 2009.

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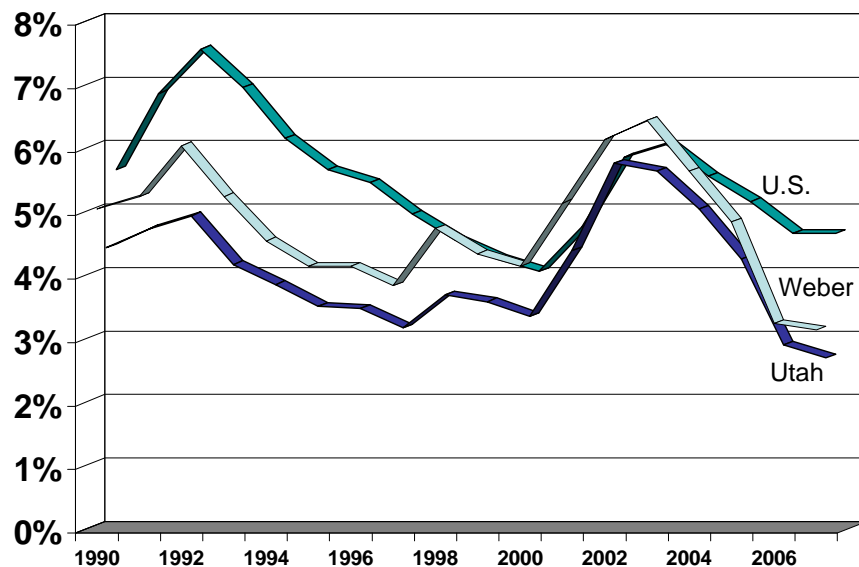
Source: Utah Population Estimates Committee; Utah Governor's Office of Planning and Budget.

## Weber County Nonfarm Job Growth



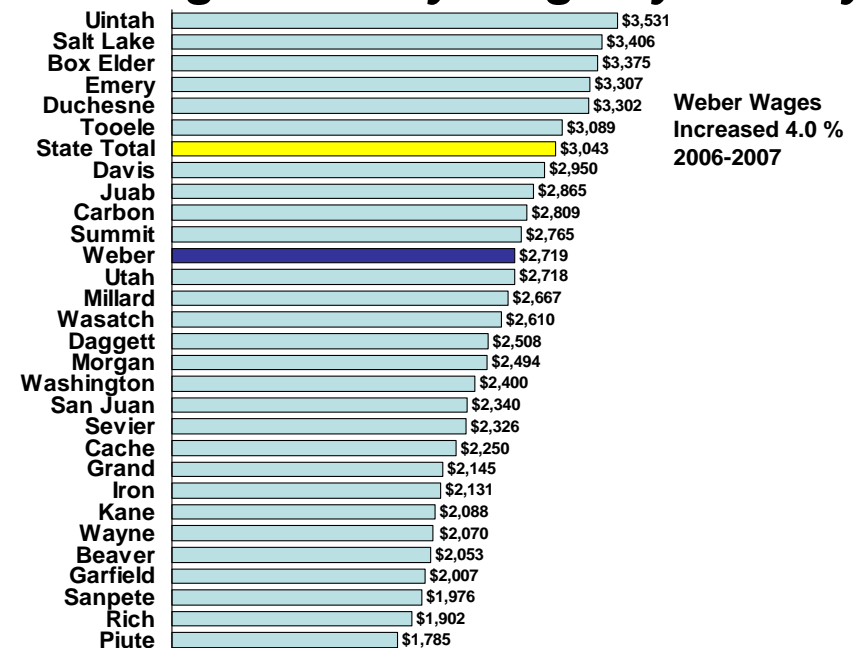
Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.

## Annual Unemployment Rates



Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.

## 2007 Average Monthly Wage by County



Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.

# Income and Wages

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Total Personal Income (\$Millions)</b>	5,228.5	5,471.1	5,812.0	6,222.8	6,620.1
<b>Per Capita Income</b>	25,414	25,920	27,130	28,697	29,985
<b>Avg Family Income from IRS Returns</b>	48,487	50,508	52,341	56,532	N/A
<b>Average Monthly Nonfarm Wage</b>	2,356	2,412	2,474	2,614	2,719

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Utah State Tax Commission, Utah Department of Workforce Services.

<http://www.bea.gov/bea/regional/reis> <http://tax.utah.gov/esu/income/index.html> <http://jobs.utah.gov/jsp/wi/utalmis/gotoIndustry.do>

# Sales and Building

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Gross Taxable Sales (\$000s)</b>	2,599,185	2,758,769	2,862,973	3,214,747	3,422,164
<b>Permit Authorized Construction (\$000)</b>	267,905	237,901	278,112	3,022,237	3,022,237
<b>New Residential Building Permits</b>	1,266	1,142	1,183	1,176	873
<b>Residential Build Permits Value (\$000)</b>	169,377	168,025	183,448	181,573	163,168

Source: Utah Tax Commission and University of Utah Bureau of Economic and Business Research.

<http://tax.utah.gov/esu/sales> <http://www.business.utah.edu/bebr>

# Census Facts

	2006
Under 18	3.0%
65 years and over	10.1%
Median Age	30.2
Persons per Household	2.91
Persons per Family	3.39
Female-Headed Families	11.5%
High School Graduates	87.9%
College Graduates	22.5%
Labor Force	
Female Participation	59.6%
Male Participation	78.0%
Self-Employed	3.5%
Commute Time (minutes)	22.4
Median Family Income	\$55,534
Median Earnings	
Male, full-time, year-rnd	\$37,150
Female, full-time, yr-rnd	\$27,394
Persons Below Poverty	11.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau  
<http://factfinder.census.gov>

# Largest Employers

Department of the Treasury  
 McKay Dee Hospital Center  
 Weber County School Dist  
 Autoliv  
 Weber State University  
 Convergys  
 Fresenius USA Manufacturing  
 Ogden School Dist.  
 State of Utah  
 Wal-Mart Stores  
 Weber County  
 America First Credit Union  
 Associated Food Stores  
 Columbia Ogden Medical Center  
 Flying J Corporate Offices  
 Focus Services  
 Marketstar Corporation  
 Ogden City

<http://jobs.utah.gov/jsp/wi/utalmis/gotoCounties>

# Other

Population by Race	2006
White	91.5%
Black	1.3%
American Indian	0.5%
Asian	1.3%
Pacific Islanders	0.2%
Other	5.2%
Hispanic/All Races	15.4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

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# For More Information . . .



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